



2013 Deer Trustee Report

Public Action Team Implementation Proposal

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This document shows the original Deer Trustee Report recommendation that the Public Action Team considered when developing proposals for implementing the recommendation in Wisconsin. The Public Action Team's implementation proposal is then presented followed by a brief summary by the WDNR.

I. ORIGINAL DEER TRUSTEE REPORT RECOMMENDATION

F.1. As both part of DMAP activities and public lands management, local biologists/technicians should be required to conduct annual range evaluations to assess habitat health and condition. These assessments would have direct field involvement by the public and DMAP cooperators.

II. PUBLIC ACTION TEAM PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTING THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION

Below is the Public Action Team implementation proposal along with their rationale and supporting evidence, potential implementation obstacles and consideration of the proposal's potential impact on the overall deer management in Wisconsin.

1. Action Team Implementation Proposal:

The action team supports the recommendation of conducting annual range evaluations to assess habitat health and condition on DMAP properties.

2. Supporting data, references, rationale and other information behind it.

- The tools used to evaluate the habitat must be well documented.
- Cooperators should be trained on the methods used.
- Habitat reference data could come from existing programs and other organizations.

3. Consider and describe potential implementation obstacles or drawbacks.

- Technical expertise will be required to develop range evaluations.
- Range evaluations must be repeatable and documented.
- All vegetative communities should be evaluated, not just tree species.

4. Overall, how will this proposal simplify or complicate deer hunting, management, or research in Wisconsin.

Range evaluations will document the effects of deer populations on the habitat and steer management decisions.